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Inspection Report

Minerals Regulatory Program

March 17, 2010

Reviewed: 

Mine Name: Sandy Wash/ Blawn Mountain	Permit Number: S/001/0063
Operator Name: Sandy Nell	Inspection Date: May 26, 2009
Inspector(s): T Munson	Time: 3 PM-5 PM
Other Participants: none	Mine Status: active

Elements of Inspection	Evaluated	Comment	Enforcemen
1. Permits, Revisions, Transfer, Bonds	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2. Public Safety (shafts, adits, trash, signs, highwalls)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
3. Protection of Drainages / Erosion Control	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
4. Deleterious Material	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
5. Roads (maintenance, surfacing, dust control, safety)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
6. Reclamation	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
7. Backfilling/Grading (trenches, pits, roads, highwalls, shafts)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
8. Soils	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
9. Revegetation	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Bond Amount: \$21,900

Fees: current

Purpose of Inspection: Annual inspection

Inspection Summary:

The site was active at the time of inspection. The mine is being actively mined and the material stockpiled at a transfer point on BLM land. Burningham enterprises is the mining contractor. The mine site is at the 5 acre point where it has to expand to a large mine or reclaim. Some regrading and seeding has occurred at the mine since this inspection. Mr. Ed Ginouves of the BLM in 10/23/2009 and 12/1/2009 inspection reports documented this work.

Gary Burningham, the mining contractor, visited our office in December and stated that his company wanted to expand without doing a Large Mine permit. Since Mr. Ginouves had GPS'ed the mine at 5.5 acres prior to the recent regrading and seeding, I told him that no more disturbance could occur until this area was released from the Small Mine Permit according to the requirements of Rule R647-3-108. I also stated that this expansion cannot occur without the BLM providing concurrence and all permitting issues being addressed. The area that has been reclaimed, according to Mr. Burningham, has not been inspected by the Division or released by the Division.

State rule, R647-3-108 states, "if reseeding has occurred and the vegetation has survived one growing season, the reseeding area shall not be included for purposes of determining whether a mining operation is a small mining operation".

Recent photos of the site are included in the recent BLM inspection reports.

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Conclusions and Recommendations:

The site be inspected in the spring of 2010 to determine if the reseeding was successful. Follow up on the permitting issues related to any expansion.

Inspector's Signature

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Thomas Munso", written over a horizontal line.

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